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Mrs. R. Hearin



Mrs. C. Kirksey and Mrs. Ve Beeler.



Time to do the cleaning.



Hostess's from Arthur Eddy School say we enjoyed it very much.

## Senior Citizens Anniversary Luncheon

by CHARLENE COLVIN

Anyone who still believes in the generation gap should have attended the Community Senior Citizens Club's third anniversary celebration, a luncheon held in Bethel AME Church's Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 16.

The hot and hearty dinner of fried chicken, potato salad, green beans, hot rolls, spiced peach shortcake, and punch was prepared and served to the senior citizens and their guests by twelve lovely young ladies who are students at Arthur Eddy Junior High. They were: Eva Mae Bentley, Denise Bentley, Kay Hardy, Bonnie Peoples, Mary Catholic, Jackie Adams, Linda Lunnie, Sharon Brown, Carol Adams, Lucille Brown, Viola Davis, and Carolyn Jackson. These students, working through the home economics department under the supervision of Mrs. Artie Johnson, gave of their time and talents to help provide a delightful experience for the senior citizens, and their friends.

With Mrs. Rhea Hearin acting as mistress of ceremonies, the luncheon program opened with the singing of the hymn, "What a Fellowship." Mrs. Josephine Spurlack then gave the invocation, and Mrs. Erma Sanders read from I Corinthians, Chapter 13. Following a duet sung by Mrs. Cora Kirksey and Mrs. Viola Beeler, Mrs. Mary Jane Baker introduced and welcomed special guests invited by the members, including a special group of guests, the Golden Age Girls of Zion Baptist Church. The leader of this group, Mrs. Ollie Jackson, responded with thanks and an invitation of her own for the Senior Citizens to visit her group at Zion Church.

Mrs. Verda Logan then gave a summary of the Senior Citizens Clubs history. Mrs.

Logan has been the club's historian since its beginning. She told how the organization was founded on Valentine's Day, 1969, with the help of Mrs. Bama Jackson and Rev. Harold C. Huggins, (who still serves as advisor and sponsor of the group.) She described the many trips and entertainments the members enjoyed, how members were added and new projects were begun over the years, the happy moments, and also the sad times, when death claimed some of the older members. The history concluded with the triumphant Third Anniversary celebration.

Then each member was asked to stand and tell something that had happened to them during the month of February. The members told of marriages, births of

children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren; children marrying, men coming home from war; and one said she had just celebrated her 90th birthday, in February.

Then after a duet by Mrs. Annie Dallas and Mrs. C. F. Jackson, in which everyone joined in the chorus, Mrs. Bama Jackson introduced the club's sponsors. These people are non-members who head committees on special projects, transportation and others. The contributions these people make to the club's activities are vital to the organization.

Rev. Harold Huggins then outlined the programs planned for this year. These include a tour of the new Civic Center, a picnic on Ojibway

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## Black History

Booker T. Washington's influence might have stemmed black America's trek northward but in 1915 an unwanted migrant from Mexico, the boll weevil, devastated the South's cotton crop and forced thousands off the farms. In addition, a series of floods eroded the rich delta soil. But perhaps most important was the coming of World War I, and the curtailment of European immigration. Before 1914, the number had risen to more than one million annually. That figure dwindled to less than 300,000 in 1915. The following year, the Pennsylvania Railroad sent trains into such deep South states as Florida and Georgia and 12,000 blacks climbed aboard. The Great Migration had

begun.

The South's net loss of blacks between 1910 and 1920 was about 500,000. A million more left between 1920 and 1930. In New York the black population rose 66 percent, from 91,000 to 152,000; Detroit's and Cleveland's black population increased 308 percent, from 8,400 to 34,400. Chicago experienced a growth of 148 percent, from about 44,000 to 109,400.

Robert A. Abbott's Chicago Defender organized group trips to help reduce the migrant's travel cost. And lest they be deterred by the chill wind off the Great Lakes, the Defender trumpeted: "To die from the bite of frost is far more glorious

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## Model Cities And You

From the Editor

The three questions I will try to answer for you from last week's issue are: 1. What can Model Cities do for you? So many times people will ask what can a program or project do for them. For once I would like to hear someone say, what can I do for the program? That alone would start a whole new game. Most important thing about any program or project is that it will take people who are willing to perform the duties that must be done. We must have people who are willing to plan for others and not just for themselves.

We must have people who are willing to give their time and talent so that others may benefit. You must ask yourself how can I get in-

volved?

Here are some of the things Model Cities can do for you. If you have a group or organization and wish to start at a Model Cities project, Model Cities will provide you with the information so that you may get your project started on the right foot. Model Cities will also provide you with other facilities in other agencies that may help you with your project.

Model Cities can do anything for you. There are so many things that need and can be done in our Model Neighborhood. I ask you again to begin to plan with your neighborhood, and his neighborhood, then you will be able to see what Model Cities can do for you.

## Black History

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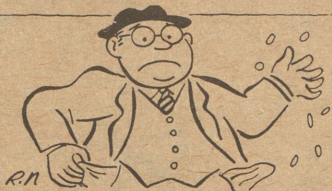
than at the hands of a mob." Meanwhile, Southern planters took extreme steps to hold on to their black labor supply. The Defender was banned from some communities. In other places, Northern labor recruiters had to be licensed. Sometimes they were beaten and chased out of town.

But the number of blacks in manufacturing jobs rose from 350,000 in 1910 to 886,000 in 1920. In 1910, the Chicago packing houses employed about 10,000 laborers and semi-skilled workers, of which about 100 were black. By 1920, when the workers in these categories numbered 14,000, slightly more than 3,000 were black. Similarly, in the steel mills around Pittsburgh roughly seven percent of the unskilled led labor force was black in 1910. Ten years later, however, the black share of these jobs had risen to 17 percent.

In March, 1926 an official of the Pittsburgh Urban League reported in an issue of Opportunity magazine that the city's steel industry in early 1923 employed 16,000 blacks, about 21 percent of the work force.

But although the number of blacks in manufacturing jobs increased by about 40 percent between 1910 and 1920, more than three million blacks still remained in agriculture and domestic service. In the white-collar categories, especially, blacks were too few to be significant. While it is true that a black business class had developed in some cities, it was generally confined to the black community and dependent upon the earnings of menial workers. In many cases, the new wage earners were women, most of them working as maids to serve the nouveau riche of the white middle class.

Art. taken from April 1st issue of Black Enterprise. Cont. next week.



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## Senior Citizens

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Island, a dinner at the Sveden House, and a bus trip. Rev. Huggins also took time to thank those responsible for this anniversary luncheon, the Bethel Board of Trustees for sponsoring the occasion, Mrs. Narcissus, Mrs. Artie Johnson, and the Arthur Eddy students for the planning and serving of the meal. Rev. Huggins also said he regretted that the news media (with the exception of the Valley Star) had not responded to their invitation to attend this important occasion. "If these students were fighting and shooting each other," he stated, "they would all be here." He thanked the students and brought them out from from the kitchen to receive the thanks of the club members.

After the singing of "God Be With You," the Mizpah was recited, concluding the Senior Citizens Club's Third Anniversary celebration.

The Valley Star congratulates the members of the Senior Citizens perseverance in keeping this fine organization going during its difficult early years. And we remind our readers that the club is open to all senior citizens in the community. We also salute the students of Arthur Eddy School made a major contribution, not just to this luncheon, but to understanding between generations.



Rev. Huggins



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## Right Now

by ANN BRYANT

Representatives of various agencies and institutions will have an opportunity to learn more about the drug abuse problem as it relates to Saginaw County in a three day workshop, "An Action Program to Combat Drug Abuse in Saginaw County," February 29, March 1, and March 2, sponsored by the Saginaw County Drug Abuse Council. This Council is composed of twenty active concerned community people who meet weekly at 8:00 a.m. to educate themselves, identify and propose solutions to the problems, make surveys, and set priorities in the implementation of goals and recommendations.

In November 1971, several agencies and institutions responded to the community's desperate cry to solve the drug problem in Saginaw. Qualified community people were nominated to participate in this compelling need. The response was heartening!

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Mrs. Ernestine chatting with a student.

## Secretary Of The Week

by JUDY COLVIN

Valley Star's first Secretary of the Week is Mrs Ernestine Houze, a receptionist for two years at Saginaw Business Institute at 310 South Washington.

Mrs Houze, mostly called Mrs Ernestine, is in charge of answering the telephone, she meets and greets the public and students as they come in, she gives students personal and general advice, always to have a direction in which all the teachers are in, and does some typing. But in every job there are always extras that come up day-in and day-out that aren't named.

Mrs Ernestine stated, "I love my job, it's very interesting, and gives me a chance to meet new people, and to be able to communicate with other people. This she feels is very important in any job, to be able to communicate among others. I am also most happy to be Valley Star's Secretary of the Week," stated Mrs Houze.

As a matter of fact, Mrs Ernestine attended and graduated from Saginaw Business Institute in 1970, and has a daughter who plans to start soon herself. There, the schools run in the family. She loves to see our black girls prosper in life, through this job, she has seen quite a few.

She is on her job at 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. five days a week, and when a work day is over, she has put in her hours. Daily Mrs Houze trains girls for a receptionist job also, that attend the Institute. On the job training. During the day, Ernestine feels in some way or another she services the whole school, around 250 persons, including the faculty.

Reading the Valley Star is interesting and very educational, she also stated. Mrs Houze reads it every week, and enjoys it very much.

During her interview, a couple of persons commented on such a wonderful woman. Larry Reid, a business administration student stated, "Mrs Ernestine is a very nice lady." Mrs Deloris Fryzel stated, "She is a fantastic lady and we wouldn't get along without her."

Everybody loves her because the first time you see her and from then on, she has a sweet smile on her face. That is so important.

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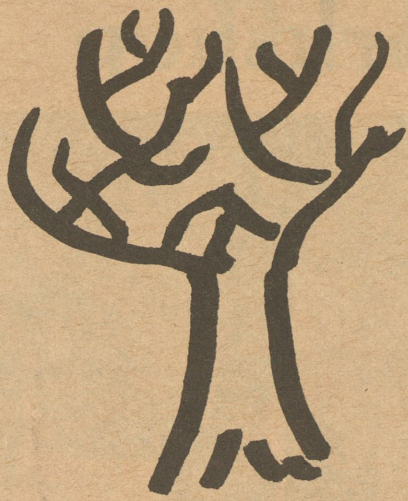
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## Longstreet School Salutes Malcom X

by JUDY COLVIN

Just about every Saginaw school, high school and elementary has payed contributions to our so-called limited "National Black History Week, Month, whatever is set aside by each.

Martha Longstreet decided they would give their thoughts to one specific individual, Malcom X. During their assembly, which was televised on Video-Tape, there were many various and I must say very exciting activities taking place.

There at Longstreet for the fourth, fifth and sixth grade students was the life history of the great black historian presented by Angela Vernon, elementary career advisor of the students at Longstreet. An interesting poem, with a different beat called, "Don't Want To Be" by Sonia Sanchez, recited by Larry Jones, assistant career advisor to Mrs Vernon.

The students really came to Angie and I, asking if they could put on some type of program for Black History Week, stated Larry Jones. So they did the work and we just helped them put their material together.

One group of dancers that really put on some down-right soul was Lisa Flowers, Terry Morgan and Donna Coats.

They danced to the music, "Message To A Black Man," showing great interest and devotion to the dance. Also a group, of about eight other students went through a short rap session discussing "What Malcom X taught us."

All students participating were: Sammy Poole, Cathy

Rouster, Tracy Anderson, Robin Pearson, Will Morris, Lisa Flowers, Terry Morgan, and Donna Coats. In the illustrated pictures you will notice "Afro Raps & Styled Skirts," the girls are wearing, they were made by Angela Vernon. "They Looked Nice Too"!!!

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Here's the Group.



"When The Saints Go Marching In."



# Police Community Relations Workshop

by JULIUS YOUNG

The Steering Committee of area one, chaired by Mrs Girtha Green sponsored the Police Community Relations Workshop Program held Thursday night at the Club Diplomat. Among guests and witnessing the workshop program were Mayor Paul Wendler and the main speaker of the night, prosecuting attorney, George E. Thick.

Sergeant Charles Duncan, of the Police Comm. Relations, one of the first to speak outlined the workshop programs and objectives, stating that the workshops number one and two objectives were to bring the problems of the community to the attention of the police and also the problems of the police to the attention of the community. Sergeant Duncan said he hoped that four workshop programs could be formed, each to occupy a percentaged section of the city, hopefully to represent the entire city, working along with four community committees composed of citizens from their own community, whereas community problems as well as police problems will be brought out and hopefully resolved.

Officer D. Dykeman of Police Com. Relations admitted that there was indeed room for individual police improvement here in Saginaw and hope was that through this workshop a coalition could be formed between the citizens and their community. Officer Dykeman stated that policemen like everyone else are human and are capable of making mistakes and at times need reprimanded, stating further that the Police Communities Relations Office, located at 234 N. Warren wanted to hear the complaints concerning officers as well as commendable reports, so that credit also may be given where it is due.

Highlighting the evening's program was a vigorous question and answer period held by prosecuting attorney George E. Thick, before that period however, prosecutor Thick outlined the duties of his office and spoke of the procedure taken in prosecuting a case, wherefore the first consideration is the amount of evidence the police have gathered, upon this evidence determines whether or not a warrant should be issued, wherefore if a warrant is issued the prosecutions next consideration is the particular amount of that evidence that can be proven in court.

Prosecutor Thick said he serves the right to exercise independent judgment on the issuing of a warrant and often times after a warrant has been issued the case may not be prosecuted due to insufficient proof of evidence.

Mr Thick, speaking on crime in Saginaw, said crime

can only be brought to a minimum through citizens participation, community change can result only through citizen involvement. Stating further, Mr Thick said the community should be more concerned about its police power, deciding among the community where policemen are most needed and making it a community project to bring about these changes. Mr Thick also made it a point to mention that "after 5 p.m. detectives are officially off duty and crime he thought had its most critical hours about 5 p.m. till 2 a.m. where there is no detective strength, this, however, said prosecutor Thick is a community problem as well as a police problem and hopefully through this workshop and community involvement something may be done.

Mayor Wendler, speaking only briefly verified the tremendous crime problem in northeast Saginaw, stating policemen should be trained more and the police force socially elevated. Mayor Wendler also said that the city has plans of hiring a consultant firm to come here and make somewhat of an analysis of the entire situation, involving the police strength necessary and where most needed.

The question and answer period held by Prosecutor Thick before a very enthusiastic audience brought about mass involvement and all seemed to have taken a real interest in the workshop program.

Those interested in working along with the proposed workshop and can see need for community improvement through Police Community Relations, contact Sergeant Duncan at 234 N. Warren, phone 755-6554 or 755-0536.

## To Discuss

## Youth Problems

The Juvenile Court is always in need of foster homes for teen-agers. If interested, please contact Mary Scott at the Juvenile Rehabilitation Office, 1407 Janes Street or by telephoning 754-1463.

The public is encouraged to attend a discussion with school administrators about policies of the discipline and suspension of students. Meeting will be at 3:45 p.m. February 9 at 1407 Janes Street.

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Prosecutor Thick



Police Improvement Needed

## Being Black In America Is Theme

by JUDY COLVIN

Edith Baillie School's Career Club presents, "Being Black in America." This is the first activity in a series to be presented by the Career Development Program.

The program was a special assembly, highlighting tribute to the late Mahalia Jackson, who just recently passed away, Dr Martin Luther King, Langston Hughes, Louis Armstrong and many other humanitarians who devoted their lives to justice and human dignity for all mankind.

Master of Ceremonies was little Larry Coleman, who did his job quite well, announcing the varieties of entertainment for the assembly. The beginning was the beautiful song, "Black National Anthem," which has been the theme song in just about every school in Saginaw for the National Negro History Week's programs.

Next in line was four little sisters and brothers giving a description of some of our great black historians such as: Dr Martin Luther King by Sister Kimberly Taylor, Malcom X, by sister Torri Johnson, Whitney Young, recited by sister Rosalinda Burch, Richard Wright, by sister Kattie Little, Frederick Douglas, by brother Benjamin Ervin and last but not least, Ralph Bunche, given by sister Carolyn Howard.

Tribute to Louis Armstrong was the song everyone remembers, "Hello Dolly", crooned by Edith Baillie's choir, under the direction of Mrs Shelley and by the recorder class was the tune, "When The Saints Go Marching In," instructed by Miss Reid.

Jerry Sims sang "I To Sing America," and the poem, "Dreams" was recited in sections by Edward Hernandez; Glynis Bland; Adrain Blakes; Vernoica

Jackson; Johnny Howard; Ernest Jenkins; Alesia Sampson; Troy Williams; Cheryl Blakes; Steve Adams.

Another poem recited was "In The Morning" by two young men, Robyn Knight and Tony Davis.

One very outstanding young lady who has a voice you wouldn't believe for a child of her age was Florence Jackson, who sung a most beautiful song by Mahalia Jackson, "Precious Lord." She sang this song with such enthusiasm and creativeness. Her voice extended to her audience as a voice with much experience. Florence sounded as if she was around twenty years of age doing that number and I'm sure many parents who attended especially her parents, were very proud of her performance. All of the kids were beautiful, what I wish is that in my young years, my awareness of being black and our inheritance were taught and displayed to me. This is important now, for one day, it will mean much more.

Creative but unique was the Soul Alphabet displayed by cardboard cards by twenty-six children. Each letter stood for: A. Afro; B. Beautiful; C. Cool; D. Dance; E. Eating; F. Family; G. Groovy; H. Home; I. Important; J. Jazz; K. Kids; L. Learn; M. Me; N. Natural; O. Old; P. Proud; Q. Quick; R. Read; S. Sharp; T. Talk; U. Us; V. Vote; W. Work; X. Extra Special; Y. Young; Z. Zip.

After the cute alphabet act came some serious, down-right dressing in Black style too. There were many various styles, to the floor skirts in African prints, all home-sewn. The models were quite stylish with their poise, and outfit. There were attires for: school, business meeting with Afro hairdo, basketball game, party with curly Afro, beads and hot pants, and last of all, formal wear.

Most exciting, also getting just about every one involved were the Ghettoettes. A breath-taking group doing "the do" with today's modern soul, rock dances. The group danced to a couple well-known records, "Scorpo and The Ghetto." Demonstrated with great soul were the sissy, pin-quin, the muscle man, and the break down. They were definitely breaking it down, too!! Right before the audience's eyes was "expressed blackness." Their spirit hit everyone, soon fingers were popping, foots tapping and hand clapping. Everybody wanted to jam and express themselves. Some wearing Di-Shakii's, Ring-A-Tang'in it to death. Everything was everything. These foot-tappers were Tracy Jones; Phyllis Poole; Florence Jackson; Rhonda Neuben; Alecia Neuben; Mary Coleman; Shirlene Young; Larry Jackson; Katrina Beloch.

Nina Smith gave tribute to Langston Hughes, revealing many achievements accomplished by the great novelist. We never can get enough history information.

Towards the end of what I myself, and many other participants would say was a very beautiful program put on by our young, adults was the poem, written by Beatrice M. Murphy, "Signs" was recited by a little girl and I mean little, Lynda Dixon who had to stand on a chair to be seen by everyone. The poem went like this: "I am sure that Spring is on the way; My Mom gave me a sign. She swept the heavy rugs today; and hung them on the line."

Mary Jane Coleman gave thanks to Esther Shelley, Mrs Reed, Mrs Wilford, Mrs King, Mrs McCollum and Mrs Williams.

Special thanks to Mrs Guster for her invitation to the Valley Star to see the program.



# The First Day Out Of Prison . . .

by DAVID VALLER

Exhausted.

That's how it feels to be released from prison after three years.

Minutes before I was officially released from the Michigan Training Unit (MTU) in Ionia, I sat staring out the glass front doors of the prison at the world outside.

It was a cold, windy day. Busts of finely powdered snow whipped through the air.

But the cold and the snow looked warmly inviting. Nothing could be colder than the cold steel bars behind me.

Here and there could, richly lined with silver by a brilliant sun, drifted in a slow but, steady march across the powder blue sky.

A new day. A new year. A new life.

In a way I had been born again.

"Good luck Dave," said Richard A. Handlon, the superintendent of MTU, as he gave me a parting handshake. Keep in touch and let me know how you're doing in college."

"Finally!" said my aunt. "We've waited so long for this day to come."

My aunt and uncle, both of whom had faithfully written and visited me while I was in prison, were here to take me home.

I took one last glance back at those large iron-barred doors. My ears would never again have to suffer the heart-rending noise they made when they slammed shut.

"Ready?" my uncle asked.

Yes I was ready. I turned my eyes to the road ahead and we headed for the car.

Even the leafless trees that stood drowsily along the roadside, practically covered by winter's sparkling, white-diamond blanket, waved their naked branches at me and promised that the birth of colorful spring was not far away.

The car pulled out of the prison parking lot and headed towards home and the future.

## THE FUTURE.

I began wondering what it would hold for me. What surprises, disappointments and conquests awaited me on the road ahead.

How would other people react to me?

Even while I was in prison there were parents who didn't want their children writing me because I was a convicted felon.

And now that I was released?

Would I find it hard or impossible to associate with someone's son or marry someone's daughter because I was an "exconvict?"

Would it be difficult at college for me to join student groups because I had a criminal record?

Would I be able to fit into an atmosphere of freedom and learning after being told when to eat, sleep and move in the stifling prison atmosphere?

It was hard trying to choose something to eat from the menu at the restaurant where

my aunt and uncle bought me dinner.

I'd forgotten how to choose for myself. The menu looked like an unfathomable encyclopedia.

Feeling awkward and uneasy with my new freedom, I finally just ordered the same thing my uncle did.

In prison I never had to think about what I wanted to eat. The prison officials did my thinking for me. There I ate what was served.

I even caught myself staring overly long at the waitress who served me. She said, please and thank you. She smiled.

For three years all I'd gotten from those who served me food in prison were growls, dirty looks and hard times. Inmates serve the food to other inmates and racial prejudice as well as just downright hatred for fellowman is part of every meal.

I'd forgotten that people could be serving food.

As my food was set down by the waitress I looked at it and at the table setting.

The aroma of the food told me that my stomach was about to get rehabilitated. Somehow it was different than prison food — it had individuality, something prison removes from food.

I started to reach for my silverware and noticed I had a knife! In prison I had to cut everything with a dull spoon because knives resemble weapons and were taboo.

And I had a real glass instead of a plastic one!

As I began eating I accidentally hit the side of my plate with my fork and it caused a musical sound, resembling the tinkling of small silver bells. I tapped it again. Again the sound of freedom rang out — a sound that I'd heard a million times.

After dinner I went to make a phone call.

For the first time in three years I had real money in my hands.

At MTU we were given plastic tokens. Now I found the weight and jingle of real money distracting. Even confusing.

I looked at my handful of change and then at the telephone. Everything was so strange. I had to consciously think of every move I made. My mind was trying to absorb and assimilate a world that only a few hours earlier hadn't existed.

After the major project of making the phone call was completed I headed for the car with my aunt and uncle feeling just a little bit more exhausted and we rocketed onward to Detroit.

Then with stunning quickness, I was back in my hometown.

Some of the old, familiar buildings had disappeared. New ones had sprouted up. But even the old that had survived my three year's absence seemed strangely new.

After getting settled at my aunt and uncle's house I began looking for an apartment and clothes to wear.

Headaches!

Wandering around strange streets in blistering cold weather for a place to live.

Being confronted with the insane turn the fashion world had taken while my back was turned. Neckties the width of baby bibs, pants that flared into piles of useless material and made you think that the fashion world had put one over on the public by sewing two twiggy maxi skirts together and pushing them off as men's pants, color patterns that would blind a peacock, shoes out of an acrobat's nightmare.

Then too, I found myself confronted with the choice of what role I wanted to assume. Dress like a writer which, I hope to be? A businessman? A college student? A compromise between all of these?

To add to all of this I was reminded by the newspaper stories on crime the "correct change" sign on the busses, the shady looking character that nervously tried to sell me some rings and watches on main downtown speeding cars that I had lost the security of prison.

That's right. Security.

In prison you were taken care of 24 hours a day. You had food, clothing and shelter. You were surrounded by armed guards.

It was easy for me to see why people might go back to prison. Freedom had its dangers. Its headaches. Its responsibilities.

And it was easy for me to see how weak people of other nations could accept totalitarian government that turn their nations into veritable prisons. Giving up individual responsibility. Letting the other guy take care of things. Looking for the easy way out.

But I had tasted of prison life. I had experienced the totalitarianism of prisons.

I'd wear rags, sleep in the gutter and eat beans before I'd willingly surrender my freedom. At least with freedom I have a chance to develop myself if I am willing to put forth the initiative.

In prison the administrators searched me and my room any time they felt like it, opened and read my mail, told me who could visit me and who I could communicate with, told me what I could and could not wear, told me what books and magazines I could read, told me how much spending money I could have, listened in on my conversations and noted all the inmates I made friends with.

For someone who has no goals in life and only wants to exist, prison could look inviting.

But if you want to do something with your life, if you want to be creative and productive in a manner that only a free man can be...

Standing in the city in the cold air, waiting for a bus, I shivered. Not from the cold, but from the thought of ever going back.

Then my mind zeroed in on my plans of enrolling in college. A spark of warmth

grew inside me. Freedom and the future was mine.

I began wondering what

returning to college would be like after being away for so long.

## Negros Making History

by LILLIAN WILLIAMS

This being Negro history week Makes it the proper time to speak Of Negro progress along the way Yes he is finally having his day.

It could be better this we know He still has a long, long way to go It should be all down hill now If he can present more unity somehow.

The Negro the downtrodden race Has struggled hard to keep the pace Sometimes he drinks a bitter cup Trying his darnedest to inch on up.

There some people of another race Who would keep the Negro in his place His place of course is down below Just as low as low can go.

This the intelligent Negro knows And gets an education to even the score Education is the maker of the man So he strives to go as high as he can.

He has much for which to be proud There is a Negro in almost every crowd Politician, scientists and in other walks of life Reached there by hard work and sometimes strife.

There is no limit to how high we can go Rep. Shirley Chisholm would tell you so As Negroes let's struggle to reach high goals And have a golden harvest unfold.

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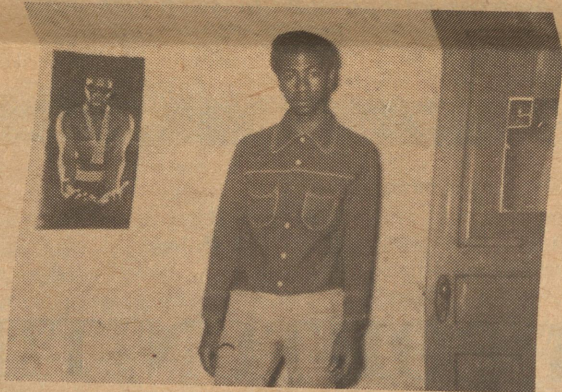
## PEOPLE SPEAK



### Wants To Meet Her Neighbors

Mrs. Josephine Hughes of 403 Carrol, a Model Cities resident for four years, talking to Model Cities newsmen says, "there's a lot needs to be done in my block and taking first things first, we have a bad problem of trash and garbage accumulation and sometimes it gets so bad that there is a odor in the air." Asked by newsmen whether the neighborhood citizens had ever tried to have anything done about it, Mrs. Hughes said, "I've been living here for four years and hardly know my next door neighbor and it's a shame people live so close and never know one another, it just seems like nobody cares and somebody should try and get the people around here to do something together and you'll be getting something done, plus getting me acquainted with my neighbors."

Asked by newsmen concerning crime in her neighborhood, Mrs. Hughes said black people keep talking about brother this and brother that, but they are still killing up each other, all that does is make that brother saying that's going around look phony and unsincere.



### What I Need Is A Job

Howard Edwards of 1323 Lapeer, a Model Cities resident, practically all his life says he knows very little about the Model Cities program asked by newsmen what he thought was most needed in his environment. Mr. Howard said, "what I need is a job and if Model Cities can't get me a job then ain't nothing it can do for me and if it's anything to Model Cities they should be trying to get some of us brothers jobs. Being Black is a strike against us and some of us have been involved with the law which makes it double bad. I think there should be some kind of program for brothers who are handicapped because of police records and very little schooling, a lot of brothers are discouraged in trying to get a job because there is to many things against us and he'll rather than face his problems, will start using dope or drinking a lot."



### Spanish Speaking Center Good Idea

Carlos Gonzales living at 1109 Essling commented on one of Model Cities projects, the Spanish Speaking Center. Mr. Gonzales feels this is a worthwhile project because more programs are needed that are geared towards the Spanish speaking people.

He feels somewhere, somehow, there is help for everyone. Things just take time that's all.

## Social Security

Twenty-three social security pamphlets are now available in Spanish, according to Stefan Gasparovic, social security district manager in Saginaw.

"Spanish is the primary language for about 7 million people in the United States", Gasparovic said. "The pamphlets inform them of their rights and responsibilities under social security — in the language they prefer to read and speak." The Saginaw Social Security Office also has a bilingual representative, Joe Silva, to explain retirement, disability, survivors and medicare problems.

Spanish-speaking people live in every State and Puerto Rico, according to Gasparovic. "There are 10,000 or more Spanish-speaking residents in each of 22 states from coast to coast," he said.

The social security pamphlets explain how workers and their families are protected by social security's four programs — retirement, disability, survivors and Medicare. Single copies are free at social security offices.

Pamphlets available include "Si Se Incapacity" (If You Become Disabled), "Informacion sobre el Seguro Social para Jefes de Cuadrilla y Agricultores" (Information about Social Security for Crew Leaders and Farmers), "El Seguro Social y las Propinas" (Social Security and Cash Tips), and "Como el Medicare le Ayuda Cuando Ingresa al Hospital" (How Medicare Helps When You Enter a Hospital).

Hay 23 folletos en espanol sobre el seguro social, segun indico Stefan Gasparov, gerente del seguro social del distrito de Saginaw.

"El idioma espanol es la lengua predominante de unos 7 millones de personas en los Estados Unidos" dijo Gasparovic. Estos folletos ofrecen informacion sobre los derechos y responsabilidades bajo el seguro social — en el idioma que muchas personas prefieren leer y hablar." La oficina de seguro social en Saginaw tiene tambien un representante bilingue, Joe Silva, para clarificar los problemas de retiro, incapacidad, sobrevivencia y medicare.

Hay personas de habla espanola viviendo en todos los Estados y en Puerto Rico, segun Gasparovic. "Hay mas de 10,000 personas de habla hispana residiendo en cada uno de 22 Estados de costa a costa."

Los folletos del seguro social explican como los trabajadores y sus familias estan protegidos bajo los cuatro programas del seguro social — retiro, incapacidad, sobrevivientes, y Medicare. Se puede obtener un ejemplar gratis de estos folletos en las oficinas del seguro social.

Entre los folletos que se pueden obtener estan incluidos los siguientes: "Si Se Incapacity", "Informacion sobre el Seguro Social para Jefes de Cuadrilla y Agricultores", "El Seguro Social y las Propinas", "Como el Medicare le Ayuda Cuando Ingresa al Hospital".



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## Family Planning Centers Locations

**Houghton Clinic:** Corner of Johnson & Eleventh Streets, Saginaw, 752-6134.

**Clinic times:** Every Tuesday, 1—3 p.m.; every Wednesday, 5—8 p.m.; every Friday, 10—12 a.m.

**Refill times:** Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30—12 a.m.; 1—4 p.m.; every Tuesday, 8:30—11 a.m.; every Friday, 1:30—

4 p.m.

**Salina Clinic:** 3100 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, 755-5511; Clinic times: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1—3 p.m.; Refill times: every Thursday, 1—4 p.m.

Need more information? Call one of the Center Locations or our central office, 1501 North Michigan Avenue, 753-4432.

## Craft Leadership Workshop Planned

A leadership workshop on arts and crafts has been planned by the Community Education Department, Saginaw County Extension Service and the City Parks and Recreation Department.

The workshop will be held on Saturday March 11 from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. at the 4-H memorial building at the Saginaw fairgrounds. Participants should use the Hess Street entrance which is near the 4-H building.

Anyone who does leadership work with children or adult groups would benefit from the workshop. The

program will include instruction in macrame, leathercraft, wood games and scrap crafts. This cooperative workshop is open to any leaders interested in participating. Individual and group craft displays are welcomed. Booth space for sales of articles are available by calling the Community Education Office at 752-4139.

Registration can be made by calling the 4-H extension at 793-9100 or the Recreation Office at 753-5447. Deadline for registration is March 3, 1972.

## Wanted: Students, Grades 9 Thru College

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa; Gamma Kappa Chapter and The Community Education Department:

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Enroll now at your school.

## To Discuss Problems

March 1 councilmen Ray Tortora and Gary Miller will be at the Multi-Purpose Center in the all-purpose room to discuss youth problems. This discussion will cover all problems and issues that you as an individual or group feel need to be recognized.

Personally I feel the public is getting a chance to meet

head-on with a couple of members of city council who felt it was necessary to express in person to the public their views on problems concerning Saginaw.

On March 1, at 7 p.m. be on hand to have your chance to express your ideas and concepts and stand up and be counted as a functioning part of this problem society.



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a critical problem. This group is the Saginaw County Drug Abuse Council and encompasses representatives from every area of Saginaw. The members are as follows: Bud Irish, chairman (Chamber of Commerce); Sr. Virginia Delancy, co-chairman (County Nurses); Ann Bryant, co-chairman (Methadone Clinic, Saginaw Community Clinic); Dr. J. Milonio (Osteopathic Society); Dr. Baleveva and Dr. Milonis are Co-Chairman of the Workshop; Charles Martin, (Multi-Purpose Center-Model Cities); Frank

Ornelas, (LaRaza Unida); Fr. H. Sikorski, (Sacred Heart Church-Model Cities); Warren Breithaupt, (YM-CA); Lee Clancey, (Wickes Corp.); Mrs. Rose Flores, (LaRaza Unida); Ray Gover, (Saginaw News); Mrs. Harold Karls, (Youth Protective League); Ed Kilbourn, (Saginaw Board of Education); Clarence Montgomery (Saginaw Community Clinic); Henry Morris (First Ward Community Center, G.M.); John Pullum (Central Foundry Administration), Frank Roenicke, (Sugar Beet Products); Dave Smith, (Youth In Conflict Rap Center); Louis White, Saginaw Steering Gear.

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Black Talent Show.

**Black Talent Show**

More than three thousand Tri-County residents turned out Wednesday, February 16 for the Black Talent Show presented as part of Black History Month activities at Delta College. High school bands, dancers and singers put on a two hour show in the Delta gymnasium. Black History Month observance continues throughout February and into March with a concert by jazz guitarist Grant Green, February 23 at 1 p.m.; a concert with the Staple Singers, March 3 at 8 p.m. and a lecture by ex-Boston Celtics star Bill Russell, March 8 at 1 p.m.

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## Home Ownership For Low Income Families

Homeownership for low income families is now a reality for many families who never dreamed of owning their own home. The home ownership concept is a new housing program sponsored by the Saginaw Housing Commission. To qualify for this program, a family must meet the following qualifications:

1. A minimum annual gross income of \$3,700 for a family qualifying for a three bedroom house.

2. A minimum annual gross income of \$4,100 for a family qualifying for a four bedroom house.

3. A minimum annual gross income of \$4,500 for a family qualifying for a five bedroom house.

All income must be earned income through gainful employment. The maximum income for admission by family composition is as follows:

### The Name Game

Issac Hayes — the singer who has six gold records to his credit has bought a custom-built, gold-trimmed Cadillac worth \$26,000. It has gold-plated windshield wipers, door handles, hub-caps, fenders and exterior lettering. A refrigerated bar has been installed in the back seat and there is a TV set under the dash. The car, which is peacock blue, also has a velvet interior, white shag carpet, oval back-seat windows and a powered sun roof.

James Brolin — the actor who plays "Dr Kiley" in the TV series "Marcus Welby, MD" said he was too nervous, and Robert Young, who plays Welby, was in London, so Mrs Jane Brolin went to the hospital in Santa Monica, Cal., without either of them and gave birth to a six-pound, 12 ounce boy. It's the Brolin's second child.

3 persons, \$5,700; 4 persons, \$6,200; 5 persons, \$6,500; 6 persons, \$6,800; 7 persons, \$7,200; 8 persons, \$7,500; 9 persons, \$7,800; 10 persons, \$8,00.

The applicant must qualify as a family and must be a resident of the city for one year.

Once accepted for the program, the family must complete a training program for homeowners.

Each home buyer must become a member of the Homebuyers Association.

Each participating family signs a lease purchase agreement for two years. During the two years, each family must accumulate a homeowners reserve account of \$200. Once the family has \$200 or more in the home ownership reserve account, the family is eligible to become a home buyer.

The program is designed to enable families to acquire home ownership in 25 years or less. Families are permitted to make payments to the homeowners reserve in addition to the routine deduction from the monthly rent.

When the homeowners reserve and HUD con-

tributions equal the cost of the home, the property will be deeded to the family.

Each family is required to perform or pay for home repairs. Failure on the part of families to meet obligations can delay ultimate achievement of homeownership, however, the time can be shortened through voluntary payments to the Homebuyers reserve.

We presently have sixteen (16) homes left in this program.

These are attractive and maintenance free three and four bedrooms. The exterior is constructed of brick and aluminum siding. Other features are as follows:

Kitchen exhaust fan, bath tub and shower, 1½ baths, window shades, garbage disposal, gas fired forced air furnace, ample closet and storage space, drapery rods, full basement, front door bell with one way viewer, range, refrigerator, complete landscaping.

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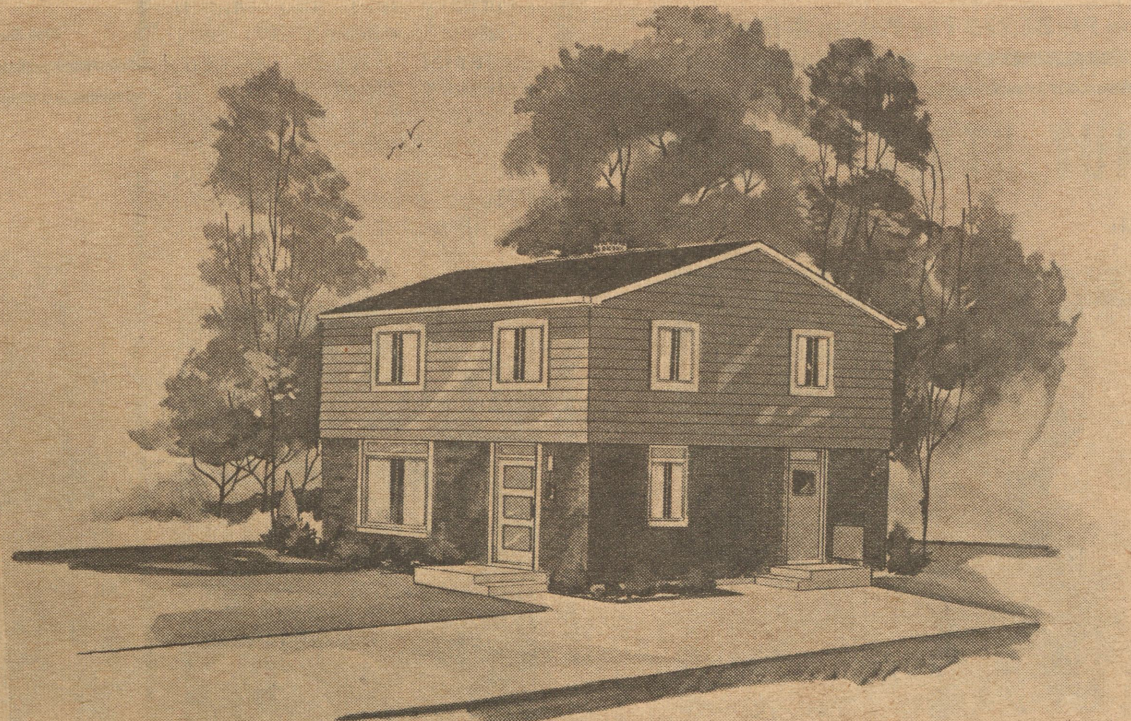
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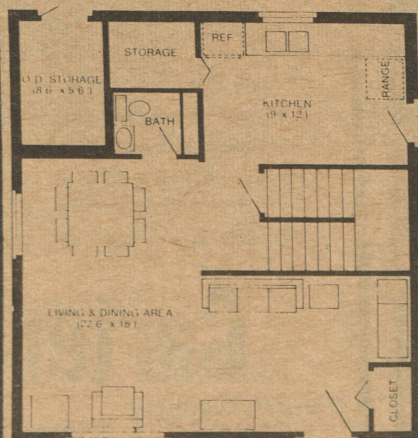
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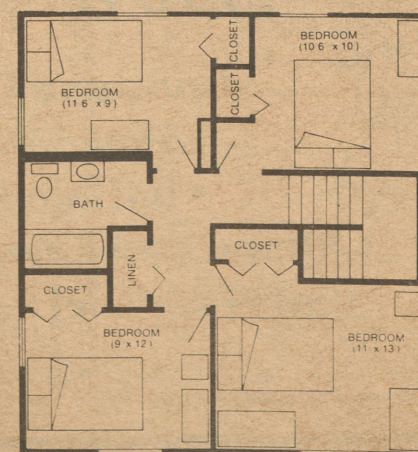


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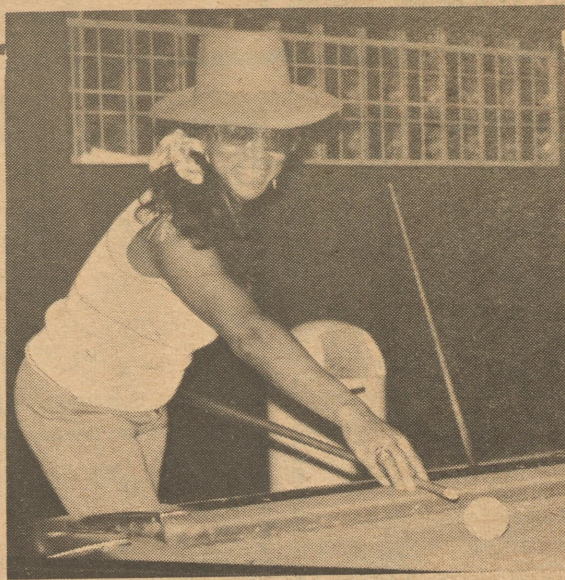
The surprise shower was co-hosted by Mr and Mrs Ed Herzberg, Mr and Mrs Stan Goodrich, and Miss Sally Gross. The shower was a well-kept secret, and Mrs Bordeaux later said, "Hes, I was surprised alright; it took me a few minutes to figure out what was going on."

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